

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 35-17

Councilmembers Almond, Quirk, Bevins & Jones

By the County Council, June 5, 2017

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Ethics – Ethics Training

FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County Ethics Commission to provide mandatory training on the requirements of the County Public Ethics Law for certain County government officials and registered lobbyists; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Ethics Commission and the County Public Ethics Law.

BY adding
Section 7-1-203
Article 7 – Public Ethics and Open Government
Title 1 – Public Ethics
Subtitle 2 – Ethics Commission
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 7 – PUBLIC ETHICS AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

5 Title 1 – Public Ethics

6 Subtitle 2 – Ethics Commission

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8 § 7-1-203. TRAINING.

9 (A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A TRAINING COURSE OF AT LEAST 2
10 HOURS ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS LAW FOR THE
11 FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

12 (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS AN APPOINTED
13 DEPARTMENT HEAD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 5-1-201(E) OF THE CODE;

14 (II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS A DEPUTY IN ANY
15 DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 502 OF THE CHARTER
16 OR AS ENUMERATED IN SECTIONS 503 AND 504 OF THE CHARTER;

17 (III) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL
18 AND APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO EACH MEMBER;

19 (IV) THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY
20 COUNCIL;

21 (V) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

22 (VI) THE DEPUTY COUNTY AUDITOR;

1 (VII) THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES OF THE OFFICE OF
2 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS;

3 (VIII) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
4 APPEALS;

5 (IX) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF LIQUOR
6 LICENCE COMMISSIONERS;

7 (X) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE REVENUE
8 AUTHORITY;

9 (XI) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD;

10 (XII) THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ETHICS
11 COMMISSION; AND

12 (XIII) THE PEOPLE’S COUNSEL AND DEPUTY PEOPLE’S COUNSEL;

13 (2) THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL COMPLETE THE
14 INITIAL TRAINING COURSE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
15 ACT OR WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF FILLING A VACANCY, AND ONCE EACH YEAR
16 THEREAFTER.

17 (B) (1) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A TRAINING COURSE FOR AN
18 INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED AS A LOBBYIST UNDER SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE AT
19 LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS
20 LAW RELEVANT TO REGULATED LOBBYISTS.

21 (II) ONE TRAINING COURSE SHALL BE HELD EACH JANUARY.

22 (2) (I) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL INITIALLY REGISTERS AS A REGULATED

1 LOBBYIST, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL WITH
2 INFORMATION ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS LAW
3 RELEVANT TO REGULATED LOBBYISTS.

4 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE THE INITIAL TRAINING
5 COURSE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF REGISTRATION, AND ONCE EACH YEAR
6 THEREAFTER.

7 (C) THE REQUIRED TRAINING COURSES MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
8 COMMISSION IN PERSON OR ONLINE.

9 (D) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO FURTHER ADMINISTER
10 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

11 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE INFORMATION RELATED
12 TO THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING
13 COURSE AND THE DATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

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15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
16 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on July 17, 2017.